

Townshend School District Annual Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2013

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend, in the County of Windham and the State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 1:00 P.M. in the Town Hall in said Town of Townshend on the first Tuesday, March 5th, 2013, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles: viz:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Craig Hunt nominated David Liebow as Moderator for a one year term. With no further nominations made, the nominations were closed and the Clerk instructed to cast one ballot for David Liebow as moderator. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 2.** To accept the reports of the School Directors as presented in the July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 Auditors' Report. (Page 46)

April Chase moved to pass over Article 2; seconded by Kim Liebow. By voice vote Article 2 was passed over.

**ARTICLE 3.** To elect School Directors for the following terms: (Page 32)

**One (1)** - three year term - until March 2016 Nominated: April Chase

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for April Chase for a three year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

**One (1)** - one year term - until March 2014 Nominated: Kim Liebow

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Kim Liebow for a one year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

**One (1)** - one year term - until March 2014 Nominated: Brian Schmidt

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Brian Schmidt for a one year term as School Director; seconded and carried by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4.** To elect a School District Treasurer for a term of one year.

**One (1)** - one year term - until March 2014 Nominated: Anita Bean

There being no further nominations, the Moderator declared nominations closed and instructed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Anita Bean for a one year term as School District Treasurer; seconded and carried by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see what salaries the Townshend School District will approve for Town School District Officers.

Treasurer	\$1,790.00	(Page 39)
School Directors(1) Chair	\$ 500.00	(Page 39)
	(4) Members \$250 ea.	\$1,000.00

So moved by Craig Hunt; seconded by David Dezendorf.

There being no discussion the motion carries by voice vote .

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Townshend School District will approve \$1,399,191 for the running expenses and liabilities of the School. (Page 40)

So moved by Carole Melis; seconded by Heidi Russ

Discussion about the number of children in each grade level and the possibility of combining grades.

There being no further discussion, Article 6 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall the voters of the Townshend School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of revenue?

So moved Craig Hunt; seconded by Carole Melis.

Discussion to why it may be necessary to borrow money.

There being no further discussion, Article 7 passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 8.** Shall the voters of the Townshend School District authorize the School Directors to spend “unanticipated” funds such as grants or gifts that may be received by the District for school purposes?

So moved by Craig Hunt; seconded by Carole Melis.

Discussion regarding grants, gifts, and whether or not grants had been applied for.

Heidi Russ stated that they received a 21<sup>st</sup> century grant which will be good for 6 years. The grant money is used for after school programs.

There being no further discussion, Article 8. Passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 9.** To set the date and time of the Annual Meeting of the Townshend School District for the First Tuesday of March in the year of 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

So moved by Carole Melis; seconded by Craig Hunt.

Motion to amend the Article to change the time to 9:05 a.m. was made by Kathy Hege and seconded by Rick Hege.

David Dezendorf explained that a firm time was needed for town meeting. Setting it for 9:05 would allow the town to open the meeting at 9:00 a.m., recess and then move on to the school meeting.

Motion to Amend Article 9 passed by voice vote.

The amended main motion passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 10.** To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before this meeting.

Combining of Elementary Schools (RED Committee) was discussed.

There being no further discussion a motion to adjourn at 1:45 was made by Carole Melis; seconded by Hedy Harris and carried by voice vote.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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David Liebow – Moderator

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Joseph Daigneault - Justice of the Peace

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Beth Cutts - School District Clerk